



## Press Release

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## High-Speed Rail Authority and Coffee-Brimhall LLC Reach Settlement Agreement

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced that it has reached a settlement agreement with Coffee-Brimhall LLC, a developer entity that owns land in Bakersfield, based on certain commitments by each party. This agreement will result in the dismissal of the second of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuits filed over the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Fresno to Bakersfield project section of the high-speed rail program. The first agreement between the City of Bakersfield and the Authority was reached in December 2014. Other CEQA suits against the Fresno to Bakersfield EIR/EIS remain pending.

“This second agreement is important in demonstrating the Authority’s commitment to continue working with stakeholders to resolve issues and move California’s high-speed rail program forward,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales.

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### ***About California High-Speed Rail Authority***

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra](https://twitter.com/cahsra)